

APPROVED: Meeting No. 24-92

ATTEST: 

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 19-92

May 11, 1992

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on May 11, 1992, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow (Mayor Pro Tem)

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan (Sick Leave)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Councilmember Krasnow was designated as Mayor Pro Tem for the evening's meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow welcomed Boy Scout Troop 447 which meets at Rockville United Methodist Church.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. The City held its rabies clinic last Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Two hundred dogs were vaccinated.

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2. The second and final public hearing on the budget will be held tomorrow evening to be followed by budget worksessions.

3. The W. Montgomery Avenue reconstruction is well underway. The City has issued a series of neighborhood advisories explaining the process.

4. The City Manager acknowledged receipt of the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award received for the Fiscal Year 1992 budget. This is a very prestigious award, and the Finance Department and the Budget staff are to be commended for their efforts.

Councilmember Coyle offered his congratulations on receipt of this award, and Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow commented that the FY93 budget is also an excellent document.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow recognized tonight's guests, Senator Mary Boergers and Delegates Jennie Forehand and Kumar Barve.

Re: Proclamation declaring the  
month of May 1992 as  
**OLDER AMERICANS  
MONTH.**

Proclamation No. 10-92

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, the month of May 1992 was declared "Older Americans Month" in Rockville. Councilmember Coyle read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 7 of the Mayor and Council. Carolyn Rueter and other members of the Mericana Senior Club accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Proclamation declaring the  
month of May 1992 as  
**DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
ABUSE PREVENTION  
MONTH** in Rockville.

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Proclamation No. 11-92

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, the month of May 1992 was declared "Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Month" in Rockville. Councilmember Robbins read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 7 of the Mayor and Council. Melvin Hall of the Community Action Team of East Rockville accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Proclamation declaring May  
25, 1992, Memorial Day, as  
**ROCKVILLE POPPY  
DAY.**

Proclamation No. 12-92

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, May 25, 1992, Memorial Day, was declared "Poppy Day" in Rockville. Councilmember Marrinan read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 7 of the Mayor and Council. Members of Henderson Smith Edmonds Unit No. 86, American Legion Auxiliary, accepted the Proclamation, and the 1992 Poppy Girl, Danielle Emery, distributed poppies.

Re: Proclamation declaring the  
month of June 1992 as  
**ROCKVILLE CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE  
HEALTH AWARENESS  
MONTH.**

Proclamation No. 13-92

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, the month of June 1992 was declared "Rockville Chamber of Commerce Health Awareness Month." Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 7 of the Mayor and Council. Howard Silberstein, Chairman of the Chamber's Health Fair Committee, accepted the Proclamation.

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Re: Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Chevrolet/Geo in recognition of their donation of 80 trees for National Arbor Day. The trees were planted at the intersection of I-270 and Route 28.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council presented Dawin Wright, Branch Marketing Manager, Chevrolet/Geo Division of General Motors with a Certificate in recognition of Chevrolet/Geo's generous contribution to the City's environment.

Re: Citizens Forum

At this time, the Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Brodie Mullican, 1947 Lewis Avenue, Sports Coordinator for the Rockville Sister City Corporation, briefed the Mayor and Council on the recent Sister City Girls Basketball Exchange in Germany. Assistant Coaches Martin Kearney and Joe DeAussen and Team Captain Lori Stadalman were introduced.

Mr. Mullican read a Proclamation presented by the Pinneberg Burgermeister, Jan Nevermann, and presented to the Mayor and Council a copper rendering of the Pinneberg-Drostel to be displayed in the Pinneberg Room of the Civic Center Mansion.

The team captain, Lori Stadalman, summarized the team's activities and experiences in Hamburg, Berlin and Pinneberg and thanked the Mayor and Council for this wonderful trip. The team's record was 4-2, and they had an opportunity to play two championship teams in Germany.

2. Mansfield Kaseman, 704 Carter Road, as Director of Community Ministries of Rockville, provided the Mayor and Council with an update of the community's response to the King

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verdict. The Board of Community Ministries of Rockville, on May 5, 1992, approved a resolution on a faithful response to violence in our nation.

Rev. Kaseman reported on the many gatherings and forums, including a meeting the City Police Department held with the Black Ministers, Gray Panthers and others to discuss their community-based program. He indicated that letters are being sent to clergy members informing them of what programs already are in place. The topic of a recent Interfaith Conference, building community amidst fear and polarization, provided an orientation as to what can be done in our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow noted the importance of everyone coming together at a time like this and thanked Rev. Kaseman for his continuing efforts.

Councilmember Marrinan added his thanks, commending Rev. Kaseman for his efforts in organizing this response. The Korean community in Rockville has been particularly impacted by the events of the last week, and Councilmember Marrinan noted the importance of expanding our consciousness to realize the needs of our residents which emerge in crisis situations.

There being no other citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem closed the Citizens Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Proclamation declaring the  
week of May 10-16, 1992,  
a s    **H I S T O R I C**  
**PRESERVATION WEEK.**

Proclamation No. 14-92

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, the week of May 10-16, 1992, was declared "Historic Preservation Week" in Rockville. Councilmember Robbins read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 7 of the Mayor and Council. Phil

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Cantelon, Vice President of Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd., accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for assistance in helping to bring "preservation to light in 1992."

Re: Presentation of Peerless  
Rockville's 13th Annual  
Awards for Historic  
Preservation.

Mr. Cantelon stated that, in 1979, Peerless initiated its award program to recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who enhanced Rockville's architectural and cultural heritage. The judges of this year's awards, some of whom were present, were: Joan Jordano, Virginia Calantonio, Gary Funkhouser, Don Gangloff, Betty Hekimian, Peg Sante and Stacy Wood.

The first award was presented by Senator Mary Boergers to Snowden Funeral Home. Snowden has been in operation in Rockville since 1924 and now is being operated by the third and fourth generations. The recent redesign is beautiful, and the award for continuity of a family-owned business in service to the community was presented to Irene Snowden Curry who accepted the award on behalf of she and her brother, George R. Snowden. The architect for this project, Terry Cook, was introduced.

Prior to presenting the second award, Delegate Jennie Forehand recognized Eileen McGuckian for the many years she has devoted to leading the historic preservation efforts in Rockville. The next award for sensitive conversion of an historic building into private living quarters for homeless employed men was presented to Community Ministries of Rockville and Rockville United Methodist Church Parsonage, 111 West Jefferson Street. Bob Ekman accepted the award on behalf of the church and all those individuals, in particular Maggie and Hal Osgood, who were involved in the project. Rev. Kaseman, on behalf of Community Ministries, accepted the award and recognized Gino Valenti for his efforts as superintendent of the project.

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The final award was presented by Delegate Kumar Barve to the Planning Committee of the Red Brick Courthouse Centennial. Delegate Barve noted that the Red Brick Courthouse was once the center of activity in Montgomery County, and the Committee was successful in once again calling attention to the Red Brick Courthouse. Eileen McGuckian accepted the award on behalf of the Planning Committee.

Senator Boergers then presented Senate Resolutions to the award recipients.

Mr. Cantelon concluded the awards presentation by thanking the Mayor and Council for this forum and reminded everyone that Peerless' progressive dinner would be held on Saturday evening, May 16.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Izione Silva was reappointed to a two-year term on the Advisory Commission on Public Education.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, John Keefe and Margaretta Tutson were reappointed to four-year terms on the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, John Moser was reappointed to a two-year term on the Cultural Arts Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Eva Cichy was reappointed to a three-year term on the Rockville Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors as the Wootton High Cluster representative.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Loretta Pelletier was reappointed to a one-year term on the Board of Directors for Rockville Seniors, Inc.

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Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded, with Councilmember Robbins abstaining as he was not present at the meeting, the minutes of Meeting No. 15-92 (April 21, 1992) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded, with Councilmember Coyle abstaining as he was not present at the meeting, the minutes of Meeting No. 16-92 (April 27, 1992) were approved, as written.

Re: Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow requested the removal of Item A from the Consent Agenda.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

- B. Introduction of Ordinance to grant Application to Close and Abandon Way, SCA-65-91, Lanny Newman, Applicant.

This application requests abandonment of unimproved segments of right-of-way of Lockett Street and Dawson Avenue located north of Beall Elementary School and south of Welsh Park.

- C. Proclamation No. 15-92, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 7 of the Mayor and Council, commemorating the centennial celebration of Richard Montgomery High School.



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This proclamation will be presented on May 30, 1992, at Richard Montgomery High School's Open House.

Re: Award of Request for Proposal No. 109-92, Fireworks Productions for Hometown Holidays, Independence Day and the Rotary Twilight Runfest, to Vitale Fireworks Manufacturing Company of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and Zambelli Internationale of New Castle, Pennsylvania, in the total amount of \$38,500.

Funds in the amount of \$39,000 have been budgeted for this purpose.

This bid award is for fireworks for Hometown Holidays, Independence Day and the Rotary Twilight Runfest, and Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow had requested the removal of this item (A) from the Consent Agenda to question the funding of fireworks for the Rotary Run.

Staff advised that the Rotary Run is not just a road race, but a downtown festival event designed to generate a street party atmosphere in Rockville. Fireworks were added several years ago to entice people to the festival. However, the event, which is a fundraiser for the Rockville Youth Scholarship Fund and the Polio Plus Campaign, would not be compromised by eliminating fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow asked that the bid award be amended to delete the Rotary Run show. Councilmember Robbins commented that this could be a discussion item for the following year, and staff should review this matter with Rotary representatives prior to making such a change. Since the money is budgeted this year, he feels that it should remain. Councilmember Coyle agreed.

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Councilmember Marrinan expressed concern with changing the contract specifications at this time and a possible adverse reaction by the contractor.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded, with Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow voting no, Request for Proposal No. 109-92, Fireworks Productions for Hometown Holidays, Independence Day, and the Rotary Twilight Runfest, was awarded to Vitale Fireworks Manufacturing Company of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and Zambelli Internationale of New Castle, Pennsylvania, in the total amount of \$38,500, with the proviso that the fireworks show for the Rotary Twilight Runfest would be reviewed as a budget item next fiscal year.

Re: Approval of waiver no. 12-92 for on-site stormwater management for a single-family house on Hectic Hill Lane, and acceptance of a \$6,000 contribution to the SWM fund.

Owner/developer, James Cromwell, Jr., proposes to construct a single-family house on the site.

Waiver Category: II-A-1,3

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow noted that this is one of two stormwater management waivers which were removed from the agenda two weeks ago for referral to the Stormwater Management Task Force for comments and/or recommendations.

The City Manager reported that the task force reviewed these two waivers at their meeting of April 30. There was lengthy discussion regarding both waivers as the minutes reflect. A number of comments focused on the possibility of accommodating stormwater management for single-family residences with on-site systems.

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The summary statement in the task force's minutes indicates that opinions of the members differed regarding on-site SWM for these two sites. Based upon the task force's discussions, Mr. Romer reported that staff did not feel that any information or conclusions were forthcoming which would change the original recommendation to approve both of these waivers.

Councilmember Coyle indicated that the SWM Task Force is looking very closely at our policies. A major concern of businesses and homeowners has been the difference between on-site and regional approaches to SWM. City policy has tried to recognize that it is more cost-efficient to use regional facilities rather than on-site. He feels that, until the SWM Task Force has submitted its recommendations, the waivers should be granted in accord with current policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow referenced the variety of comments of the task force members, in particular the comment that the subject of one waiver, a single-family residence, is sited on a 2.6 acre parcel and perhaps there is a need for criteria on which single-family sites are evaluated. Many on-site SWM facilities are difficult to police, and Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow indicated that she personally feels that there are advantages to regional facilities. She looks forward to receiving the task force's conclusions.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, waiver no. 12-92 for on-site stormwater management for a single-family house on Hectic Hill Lane was approved and a contribution in the amount of \$6,000 to the SWM fund accepted.

Re: Approval of waiver no. 13-92 for on-site stormwater management for a small single-family development at 9 East Argyle Street, and acceptance of a \$14,800 contribution to the SWM fund.

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Developer, Welty Construction Company, proposes to resubdivide the site into three lots and construct single-family houses on the two vacant lots.

Waiver Category: II-A-2

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, waiver no. 13-92 for on-site stormwater management for a single-family development at 9 East Argyle Street was approved and a contribution in the amount of \$14,800 to the SWM fund accepted.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

W. Montgomery Avenue

Councilmember Coyle was advised that the reconstruction of W. Montgomery Avenue is proceeding on schedule.

Councilmember Coyle questioned the location of a State Highway Administration trailer at the intersection of I-270 and W. Montgomery Avenue and whether such a trailer is routine for a project of this duration. The City Manager advised that the trailer is serving as the District Engineer's office as well as the construction office and will remain on site for the duration of the project, until approximately early 1993.

Hurley Avenue Traffic Advisory

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow commented that she is curious to hear the reactions of residents regarding this pilot project to control speeding.

With respect to the memorandum regarding naming streets in honor of deceased mayors of the City of Rockville, Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow stated that she personally feels this is an excellent idea. It was agreed that staff would submit documentation in the proper form to institute such a policy.

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Re: New Business

Councilmember Marrinan reported that Bob Goodin, Director of Public Works, had invited him for a tour of the City's water plant last Friday. He was impressed with the professionalism of staff and their explanations of the federal and state requirements.

The Public Works Department was also commended by Councilmember Robbins who advised that, on Sunday evening, a neighbor experienced a raw sewage backup. Within 20 minutes of placing a call to the City, a crew was at the site working on the problem.

Councilmember Robbins reported that, at Saturday drop-in, a couple of citizens who reside on Maryland Avenue expressed concern regarding excessive speeding on Maryland Avenue. They cited school buses, Ride-On buses and County police cars as major offenders. He requested that the City Manager broach this problem with the County's Chief Administrative Officer in the hopes of slowing down the Ride-On buses.

Councilmember Coyle reported that he will be speaking next week at the National Safe Kids Conference, and he is pleased that the City was asked to participate.

As to when the street lights will be operational on Wootton Parkway, Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow was advised that staff has been following up with PEPCO.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow expressed appreciation for the installation of a three-way stop sign at the Ritchie Center-Wootton Parkway intersection.

With respect to the redirected traffic flow at Courthouse Square, Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow advised that there is some confusion regarding the "Do Not Enter" sign and staff was asked to find a means to clarify that "Do Not Enter" applies only to motor vehicles.

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Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow reminded everyone that Hometown Holidays is less than two weeks away and will begin with the Blessing of the Animals at the Animal Exchange in Ritchie Center on Friday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m.

Re: Next Meeting

The second and final public hearing on the budget will be held tomorrow evening, May 12, and will be followed by budget worksessions.

Re: Adjournment

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m., to convene again in Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 1992, or at the call of the Mayor.